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Dr. Josef C. James
Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, New York 12538

Dear Dr. James:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the letter from Mr. William J. Stewart, which listed the various collections at the Library known to contain classified documents of OSS origin. It is apparent that the volume of this material is too great to permit an on-site declassification review in a visit of a few days' duration.

In my letter of 14 March 1973, I indicated an intention to visit the Library this spring. Subsequent developments have made it necessary to postpone this trip, but it is hoped that it can be accomplished this fall. The Agency appreciates your desire that this material be declassified and made available to researchers, and we would be interested in any suggestions you might advance for achieving this goal.

The Top Secret OSS documents from the President's Secretary's File were forwarded to the Agency by Dr. Reed and, following a review of their contents, the bulk of them was declassified. The documents were then checked against the Agency's holdings--a time-consuming procedure--and this accounts for the delay in returning them to Dr. Reed. The package should be ready for transmittal before the end of this week.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

/s/


Assistant to the CIA Archivist

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